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LETCHWORTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT  
of the  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
and of the  
CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR  
for the year  
1941

To the Chairman and Members of the Letchworth Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

At the request of the Ministry of Health, and in accordance with the Sanitary Officers' Orders, the following report is submitted. It is the twenty-third report on the sanitary circumstances and vital statistics of your district. The report covers the period from 1st January to 31st December 1941.

The report is considerably curtailed in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health, but full records have been made for the year, and it is hoped to present these when circumstances are more favourable.

SECTION A:

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA:

The area of the district of 4,905 acres.

Population. The Registrar General's estimates of population are:-

- |  |   |         |
|--|---|---------|
| (a) resident population mid 1941                                 | } | 22,380. |
| (b) average population appropriate to calculation of death rates |   |         |

The Registrar General has consistently under-estimated the population of the Letchworth Urban District since the 1931 Census, but his estimate for the year 1941 shows a considerable increase over that given for 1940.

There are 5,111 occupied houses and calculating on the basis of 4.3 persons per house, the population is 21,977.

Inhabited Houses. At December 31st there were, according to the rate books, 5,111 occupied houses.

Rateable Value. The rateable value is estimated to be £154,381 and a penny rate is estimated to produce £609

Extracts from VITAL STATISTICS.

Births. For 1941 the Registrar General has given two sets of figures relating to the number of births. IM for calculating infant and maternal mortality and BR for calculating birth rates.

Live Births.

			IM			BR		
			Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Legitimate	...	...	291	150	141	270	139	131
Illegitimate	...	...	11	2	9	11	2	9
Total -			302	152	150	281	141	140

Birth Rate per thousand resident population.

- |   |        |
|---|--------|
| (a) Based on Registrar General's estimate of 22,380 | = 12.5 |
| (b) Based on our estimate of 21,977                 | = 12.7 |
| ENGLAND AND WALES                                   | = 14.2 |

Still Births.

			IM			BR		
			Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Legitimate	...	...	10	7	3	9	6	3
Illegitimate	...	...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total -			10	7	3	9	6	3

The still birth rate per thousand live and still births is 31.

Deaths.

<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
228	105	123

Death rates per thousand resident population:

- (a) Based on Registrar General's estimate of 22,380 = a Crude Rate of 10.1  
 (b) Based on our estimate of 21,977 = a Crude Rate of 10.3

ENGLAND AND WALES = 12.9

Deaths from Puerperal Causes. There were none, so the Maternal Mortality Rate is nil. It has been nil since 1931.

DeathRate of Infants under One year of age.

			<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Infant Mortality:					
Legitimate	...	...	12	10	2
Illegitimate	...	...	-	-	-
Total -			12	10	2
Rate per thousand live births	=	39	ALL INFANTS		
Legitimate Infants per 1,000					
live legitimate births	=	41			
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000					
live illegitimate births	=	-			
ENGLAND AND WALES all infants	=	59			

The causes of infantile deaths were: Jaundice one; Hydrocephalus one; prematurity three; marasmus one; congenital heart disease one; atelectasis one; bronchitis one; convulsions two; spina boxida one.

The causes of death were:

<u>Ref.</u>		<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
6	Tuberculosis respiratory system	8	4
7	Other forms of tuberculosis	-	-
8	Syphilitic diseases	2	-
9	Influenza	-	2
12	Acute Inf. enceph.	1	-
13	Cancer, bronchial cavity etc.	2	5
14	Cancer, stomach and duodenum	2	2
15	Cancer, breast	-	3
16	Cancer, all other sites	12	8
17	Diabetes	2	2
18	Intra cran. Vasc. lesions	5	20
19	Heart disease	20	22
20	Other diseases circulatory system	3	6
21	Bronchitis	10	5
22	Pneumonia	5	6
23	Other respiratory diseases	3	2
24	Ulcer stomach or duodenum	2	-
25	Diarrhoea under two years	-	-
26	Appendicitis	-	2
27	Other digestive diseases	1	3
28	Nephritis	1	1
31	Premature birth	2	1
32	Congenital malformations etc.	5	1
33	Suicide	1	-
34	Road traffic accidents	2	1
34	Other violent causes	3	3
36	All other causes	12	24
	Leprosy	1	-
ALL CAUSES -		105	123

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)		
Rate per thousand poluation - 1.5	16	18
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	-	-
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	-	-
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under two years)	-	-

There was no excessive or unusual mortality during the year.



SECTION B: GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

(i) STAFF:

Medical Officer of Health (part time):

BERTRAM SUGGIT, M.D.Ch.D. (Leeds and Manchester) D.P.H. (Cambs).

Chief Sanitary Inspector (also Designated Housing Officer, Inspector under Petroleum Acts, Shop Acts and Factories Acts):

ARTHUR JUMP, M.S.I.A., Cert. R.San.Inst. (Meat and Foods).

Additional Sanitary Inspector:

RUSSELL F. FORRYN, M.S.I.A. On military Service.

Temporary Additional Sanitary Inspector:

BERTRAM J. DREW, M.S.I.A. Cert. R.San. Inst.

Clerk and Assistant: LISTER H. HOOK.

The work of the department proceeded as normally as possible.

(ii) OTHER SERVICES:

(a) Laboratory Facilities: Advantage has been taken of the services of the Ministry of Health emergency laboratories.

(b) Ambulance Facilities: No change.

(c) Nursing in the Home: No change.

(d) Treatment Centres and Clinics: The Sick Bay and Clinic set up at Letchworth House to deal with evacuated children is working well.

The other treatment Centres and Clinics have all carried on normally.

(e) Hospitals: (Public and Voluntary): No change.

SECTION C: SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. (i) Water: There has been no material change during the year.

Bacteriological samples are taken every fortnight. The samples throughout the year proved most satisfactory.

(ii) Drainage and Sewerage: No material change.

2. Rivers and streams: No Change.

3. (i) Closet Accommodation: No change.

(ii) Public Cleansing: No change.

(iii) Sanitary Inspection of the Area: Work has proceeded as normally as circumstances will permit (See appendix).

(iv) Shops and Offices: Twenty-two shops were visited and inspected. The contraventions found were remedied. It was not possible to carry out any inspection of offices.

(v) Camping Sites: (a) One site was used  
(b) No licenses granted.

(c) Twenty-two persons in ten caravans ("Fair" encampment).

(vi) Smoke abatement: Routine inspections were made.

(vii) Swimming baths and pools: Public - there were 88,795 attendances. Samples were taken at regular fortnightly intervals and the results were satisfactory.

(viii) Eradication of bed bugs:

1. (a) Council houses found to be infested - 6.

(b) Other houses found to be infested - 11.

All were disinfested.

2. Same as previous year.

3. -do-

4. -do-

5. -do-

SCHOOLS: No change.

Rag Flock Acts 1911 and 1928: Same as 1938.

PREMISES AND OCCUPATIONS CONTROLLED BY BYELAWS OR REGULATIONS: Same as 1938. Nineteen visits were paid to barbers and hairdressers premises.

RATS AND MICE (DESTRUCTION) ACT: Normal work was maintained.

FACTORIES AND WORKPLACES: At December 31st, 1941 there were on the register:- 146 mechanical factories, 51 non-mechanical factories and 42 workplaces.

SECTION D: HOUSING

HOUSING STATISTICS 1941;

Number of new houses erected during the year:

(3) by other bodies and persons ... 123.

(4) by Public Utility Societies ... "

Inspection of dwelling houses during the year:

1. (a) Total number inspected ... 213

(b) Number of inspections made ... 310

2. (a)	Inspected under Housing Acts	...	...	...	89
(b)	Number of inspections made	...	...	...	139
3.	Number found unfit (part of a building)	...	...	...	1
4.	Number found not to be in all respects fit	...	...	...	28
2.	Remedy of defects.				
	Number of houses rendered fit	...	...	...	33
	Action under Statutory powers	...	...	...	1
	(Sec 12 part of building closed).				
4.	Housing Act 1936 Part IV - Overcrowding:				
(a)	No. of dwellings overcrowded at end of year				9
"	" families dwelling therein	...	...	...	19
"	" persons	"	"	...	99
(b)	" new cases found	....	...	...	13
(c)	" cases relieved	....	...	...	11
"	" persons concerned	...	...	...	117
(d)	" dwelling houses again overcrowded	...			-
(e)	Remarks same as 1938.				

#### SECTION E: INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(a) Milk Supply, including cream and ice cream. The work of supervision was maintained as far as possible. Seven farms are registered for the production of milk and eighteen persons are registered as retail purveyors of milk, ten of whom have premises within the district. One dairyman produces and retails Tuberculin Tested (Certified) Milk, two bottle and retail Tuberculin Tested Milk. Three dairymen retail Tuberculin Tested Milk. Five farmers produce and two dairymen retail Accredited Milk. One application for a licence to pasteurise and sell Pasteurised Milk was granted.

Samples: Brief particulars of samples taken are as follows:-

##### Tuberculin Tested (Certified) Milk:

Number taken	5
Average count	25,200
Lowest "	5,200
Highest "	57,600
Bacillus Coli	present in
	1/100 ml in
	one sample
	present in
	1/1000 ml in
	one sample.

Methylene Blue Test. All satis

##### Tuberculin Tested Milk.

Number taken	4
Average count	33,100
Lowest "	7,600
Highest "	72,800
Bacillus Coli	present in
	1/1000 ml in
	one sample
	Methylene Blue Test. One sample
	failed.

##### Accredited Milk:

Number taken	5
Average count	77,120
Lowest "	4,800
Highest "	192,000
Bacillus Coli	present in
	1/1000 in
	two samples
	present in
	1/100 ml in
	one sample.

Methylene Blue Test. 3 failed.

##### Pasteurised Milk:

Number taken	11
Average count	12,563
Lowest "	5,400
Highest "	26,400
Phosphatase Test:	
Number submitted	-
" passed	-
Bacillus Coli Absent	7
present in 1 ml	1
" " 1/10 ml	2
" " 1/100 ml	1

##### Ordinary Milk:

Number taken	65
Average count	78,938
Lowest "	2,500
Highest "	212,000
Bacillus Coli: Absent	1
Present in 1 ml	7
" " 1/10 ml	9
" " 1/100 ml	9
" " 1/1000 ml	39
Methylene Blue Test	22 samples failed.

##### Ice Cream:

Number taken	-	None
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(b) Meat and other foods: The usual routine inspections were maintained throughout the year. Further details are given in the Sanitary Inspector's Report.

Carcases Inspected and Condemned.  
(excluding shops).

	<u>Cattle</u> <u>excluding</u> <u>Cows</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep</u> <u>and</u> <u>Lambs</u>	<u>Pigs</u>
Number killed	1669	665	332	8856	34708
Number inspected	1669	665	332	8856	34708
<u>ALL DISEASES EXCEPT Tb.</u>					
(a) Carcases condemned	2	7	3	35	139
(b) parts or organs condemned	279	143	22	279	2507
(c) percentage affected	16.8	22.5	7.5	3.1	7.6
<u>TUBERCULOSIS ONLY</u>					
(a) Carcases condemned	9	18	1	-	22
(b) parts or organs condemned	171	172	-	-	2359
(c) percentage affected	10.7	28.5	0.3	-	6.8

(c) Adulteration etc. The County Council are the Food and Drugs Authority for the district, the officer being Mr. G.F. Hart.

SECTION F: PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

1. GENERAL: During the year there were one thousand and seventy-four cases notified as compared with five hundred and seventy-one during 1940. The increase was principally due to measles, seven hundred and twenty-seven cases being notified.

Scarlet Fever: Fifty-eight cases were notified compared with one hundred and sixty-nine in the year 1940. The majority of the cases occurred in young school-children during the early part of the year, but in September there was an outbreak at a childrens' home and fifteen cases occurred amongst the inmates. The infection was introduced from London, as was the case with another childrens' home where there were five cases. All the cases were of a mild type, and forty-eight were removed to the Isolation Hospital. Only eight cases were notified during the last quarter of the year.

Whooping Cough: One hundred and forty-seven cases were notified compared with seven cases during the previous year. Five of these cases received hospital treatment. The majority of the cases were notified during the period from February to July. There were no deaths.

Diphtheria: Nine cases were notified compared with forty-one during 1940. All these cases were removed to the Isolation Hospital and made a good recovery. During the last seven months of the year not one case was notified. Diphtheria Prophylaxis A scheme of immunisation was commenced in January and the position at the end of the year was that 3525 children out of an estimated child population of 5100, a percentage of 69.1, had been immunised. Of the under five year old children 769 out of 1490, or a percentage of 51.6 had been treated, and of the children between 5 and 15 years of age 2756 out of 3610, or a percentage of 76.3 had been done. These results may be described as satisfactory, but I should like to see a larger percentage of the children under five years of age immunised. Efforts are being made to ensure this. It is interesting to note that none of the nine cases notified as suffering from diphtheria had been immunised.

Measles: An epidemic of measles commenced in November 1940 and during 1941 no less than seven hundred and twenty-seven cases were notified. The epidemic faded out in early April, and only twelve cases were notified during the last eight months of the year. Generally speaking the disease was of a mild type and chiefly affected the children of the 5 to 10 age group. Three cases received hospital treatment. There were no deaths.

Pneumonia: Nineteen cases were notified as compared with twenty-eight cases during the previous year. Five of these cases were removed to hospital.

Cerebro Spinal Fever: One case was notified as compared with two cases during 1940. The patient, a child aged three years, received hospital treatment and made a good recovery.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum: One case was notified during December and was dealt with by the Maternity Department of the County Council.

Erysipelas: Two cases were notified compared with twelve during 1940. Both these cases were treated at home and made good progress.

Chickenpox: One hundred and nine cases were notified as compared with one hundred and seventy-six during the previous year. Most of the cases were notified during the summer months. Nearly all the cases were of a mild type and occurred in children below the age of ten years. A few adolescents and adults in the early twenties were notified.

Malaria: One case was notified, the patient being an Indian subject who had contracted the disease abroad.

Undulant Fever: No cases were brought to my notice.

Epidemic Catarrhal Jaundice: No cases were brought to my notice.

Vaccination: No action was taken under the Regulations of 1917.

2. CANCER: There was no abnormal prevalence. There were 34 deaths during the year, sixteen being males and eighteen females. There are no special facilities available in the district for the diagnosis and treatment of cancer.
3. TUBERCULOSIS: No action under the 1925 Regulations or Public Health Act of 1936.
4. TUBERCULOSIS: New cases and mortality during 1941:-

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-
5-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10-	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
15-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
20-	2	2	1	-	-	2	-	-
25-	1	1	-	1	2	-	-	-
30-	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
45-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
55-	1	-	1	-	2	-	-	-
65- and over	1	2	-	-	-	2	-	-
Total 1941	13	5	5	3	8	4	-	-
Total 1940	15	5	3	3	7	3	1	-

#### INFECTIOUS DISEASE - LETCHWORTH URBAN DISTRICT 1941.

Disease	At all ages	0- 1- 2- 3- 4- 5- 10- 15- 20- 35- 45- 65-												
		0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-	65-	
Scarlet Fever	58	-	1	5	13	10	14	10	1	2	1	1	-	48 Removed to Hospital
Whooping Cough	147	7	12	13	20	13	59	15	2	4	1	-	1	x5 -do-
Diphtheria	9	-	-	-	2	1	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	9 -do-
Measles	727	20	52	61	74	73	358	43	20	20	4	2	-	x3 -do-
Pneumonia	19	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	3	4	3	5	-	x5 -do-
Cerebro Spinal Fever	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	x1 -do-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Chickenpox	109	1	1	5	5	5	62	18	9	3	-	-	-	-
Malaria	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
	1074	29	68	84	115	102	500	87	35	34	9	10	1	71 Removed to Hospital

<sup>x</sup>These cases were removed to hospitals other than the Isolation Hospital.



The work of the Department proceeded as normally as possible.

In conclusion, I should like to thank both the Council and my colleagues in the Health Department and other services for their keen interest and co-operation during the year.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

BERTRAM SUGGIT,

Medical Officer of Health.

Council Offices,

Letchworth.

June 1942.

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REPORT OF THE WORK CARRIED OUT BY THE SANITARY INSPECTORS DURING  
THE YEAR 1941.

I beg to submit my eleventh annual report on the work carried out by the Sanitary Inspectors. During the year 1941 some routine work again had to be curtailed, but all essential matters received attention. The summary gives full statistical details of the work carried out but the following matters are worthy of mention.

A considerable amount of time had to be spent in ensuring that factories were provided with sufficient sanitary accommodation to meet altered circumstances. Many factories had not previously employed female labour, consequently in some cases considerable alterations were necessary. Fortunately the high standard of accommodation that already existed did help to mitigate the difficulties.

The increased keeping of rabbits, poultry and other utility livestock led to extra work in an endeavour to prevent as far as practicable potential nuisances and rat infestation. No serious infestations occurred.

One local firm was a pioneer in the treatment of food waste for pig and poultry food. The results achieved were encouraging, and it would appear that provided the raw waste was received fresh and in good condition, the treatment could be carried out with little nuisance, and the resultant product was satisfactory. A close watch was maintained on the food supplies throughout the year. No less than 1,293 hours were spent at the Regional Slaughterhouse, the total number of animals inspected being 46,230. Regular inspections were made of the wholesale meat depot and of all food premises. The maintenance of our usual high standard of cleanliness of the milk supply proved difficult to say the least. The shortage of proper labour at farm and dairy, and difficulties with transport proving troublesome to farmer and dairyman alike. One dairyman appeared before the Council to show cause why his Registration as a Retail Purveyor of milk should not be cancelled. The dairyman gave an undertaking to fully comply with the provisions of the Orders, and the Council decided not to proceed for the time being.

GENERAL (under Public Health and Housing Act):

(a) Visits and Inspections:

Houses inspected under Public Health Acts	...	...	...	124
Houses reinspected under Public Health Acts	...	...	...	47
Houses inspected under Housing Acts	...	...	...	89
Houses reinspected under Housing Acts	...	...	...	50
Houses visited re defective dustbins	...	...	...	37
Housing Survey Form A primary	....	...	...	3
" " " A secondary	..	...	...	388
" " " B primary	....	...	...	1
" " " B secondary	..	...	...	"
Visits to overcrowded houses	....	...	...	48
Inhabited vans inspected	....	...	...	10
Nuisances investigated	....	...	...	229
Systematic inspections of district	...	...	...	87
Special investigations re water courses and ditches	...	...	...	45 + 3
" " " sewers	...	...	...	19
" " " smells	...	...	...	19
Visits and inspections to entertainment premises	...	...	...	4
" " " of swimming baths	...	...	...	24
" " " of waterworks	...	...	...	12
" " " to burial grounds	...	...	...	3





Ceilings and plaster repaired	...	...	...	6
External rendering repaired or renewed	.	...	...	3
Brickwork repaired	...	...	...	8
Dampness remedied	...	...	...	15
Damp-proof courses renewed or provided	..	...	...	2
Overcrowding abated	...	...	...	11
Rooms cleansed	...	...	...	33
Dairies cleansed and linewashed	...	...	...	24
Cowsheds cleansed and linewashed	...	...	...	14
Cowsheds cleansed and reconditioned	...	...	...	1
Bakehouses cleansed	...	...	...	11
Slaughterhouses cleansed	...	...	...	5
Filthy houses cleansed	...	...	...	11
Filthy ditches cleansed	...	...	...	2
Accumulations removed	...	...	...	20
Accumulations of manure removed	...	...	...	6
Animals improperly kept	...	...	...	4
Premises and sheds ratproofed	...	...	...	2
Premises gassed for rats	...	...	...	4
Premises baited for rats	...	...	...	1
Ponds cleansed	...	...	...	-
Ponds treated for mosquitoes	...	...	...	2

(c) Infestations:	Council Houses	Other Houses	Visits
Bugs	6	11	52
Fleas	2	1	3
Scabies	10	12	28
Crickets	-	2	3
Ants	3	4	9
Beetles	1	1	4
Wasps	1	2	4

#### SUPERVISION OF FOOD SUPPLIES:

(a) Visits and inspections: To: Abattoir 957; Butchers' shops 487; Butchers' vans 10; Fish Shops 7; Other Food Shops 98; Bakehouses 27; Food Preparing Places 33; Dairies 266; Cowsheds 78; Ice Cream Vendors 4; Hawkers of Foods 9; Contraventions found: 38; Contraventions abated 38.

(b) Samples Taken: Tuberculin Tested (Certified) Milk 5; Tuberculin Tested Milk 4; Accredited Milk 5; Pasteurised Milk 11; Ordinary Milk 65; Ice Cream -; Raw Cream -.

(c) Licences Granted: Tuberculin Tested (Certified) Milk - Dealers -; Tuberculin Tested Milk - Bottling and Dealers 2; Tuberculin Tested Milk - Dealers 1; Accredited Milk - Supplementary dealers 1; Pasteurised Milk - Pasteurising 1. Amount of fees received = 23.10.0d.

(d) Carcasses Examined: I At Abattoir: Cows 665; Heifers 506; Bulls 42; Bullocks 1121; Calves 332; Sheep 8856; Pigs 34708.

II At Shops and Other Premises: Beasts 115; Calves 236; Sheep 286; Pigs 535.

(e) Condemned and Destroyed: I At Abattoir: 25 Cows and all organs; 11 bullocks and all organs; 36 forequarters English Beef; 20 hindquarters English Beef; 1379 lbs. English Beef. 235 Beasts heads; 788 Beasts lungs; 745 Beasts livers; 155 Beasts kidneys; 165 Beasts mesenteries; 83 spleens; 545 other organs; 4 Calves and all organs; 5 lbs. veal; 4 calf plucks; 2 calf lungs; 9 calf livers; 9 other organs; 139 pigs and all organs; 2 sides pork; 38 forequarters pork; 11 hindquarters pork; 2041 lbs. pork; 2339 pigs heads; 871 pigs plucks; 2699 pigs lungs; 1158 pigs livers; 906 pigs kidneys; 132 pigs mesenteries; 192 pigs spleens; 823 other organs; 35 sheep and all organs; 4 forequarters English mutton; 13 hindquarters English mutton; 80 lbs. English mutton; 2 sheep heads; 37 sheep plucks; 27 sheep lungs; 229 sheep livers. Total Weight = 132,037 lbs.

II Wholesale Depot, Shops and Vans: 323 lbs. English and Imported Beef; 11 lbs. English and Imported Mutton; 1769 lbs. English and Imported pork; 2 forequarters beef; 1 hindquarter beef; 1 beasts liver; 24 beasts tripe; 1 sheep; 10 sheep heads; 10 sheep plucks; 140 lbs. sheep livers; 58 lbs. sheep kidneys; 3 pigs; 1 forequarter pork; 4 pigs lungs; 70 lbs. brawn; 59 lbs. sausage meat; 14 geese; 18 fowls; 1781 eggs; 5 pints milk; 21 lbs. butter; 225 lbs. fresh herrings; 2 tins corned beef; 1 tin stewed steak 1 tin brawn; 1 tin tongue; 2 tins chicken and ham; 5 tins lunch sausage; 48 tins pilchards; 2 tins salmon; 1 tin fish cake; 11 jars sardine paste; 11 tins vegetable stew; 2 lbs. mincemeat; 11 tins beans; 371 tins peas;

4 tins carrots; 9 jars tomato ketchup; 13 lbs. tomatoes; 7 tins condensed milk.

Regular Notices of Slaughter Received - 1; Notices of Occasional or Emergency Slaughter received - 25; Applications for licences to Slaughter Animals - 17; Licences granted to Slaughtermen - 17. Amount of fees received = 18.0d.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE:

(a) Visits and Inspections: To infected houses 525; to schools 40; Number of School Notices sent 161; Disinfection: General cases 97, School rooms 15, Tuberculosis 17, Hospital Wards 3; Library Books 147; Evacuation and A.R.P. 4. Disinfestation 46; Library books destroyed 3.

(b) Bedding Stoved: Palliases 41; Beds 14; Bolsters 2; Blankets 216; Quilts 4; Cushions 2; Sheets 22; Overlays 3; Pillows 30; Mattresses 44; Eiderdowns 1.

(c) Bedding Destroyed: Mattresses 10; Beds 2; Pillows 4; Bolsters 1; General linen 2 bundles.

FACTORIES: Inspections and Visits to:- Mechanical factories 202; Non-Mechanical factories 20; Work-places 21; Outworkers premises 9; Rag Flock Acts 1; Outworkers lists received 20 relating to 38 outworkers; Outworkers lists sent to other Councils 19 relating to 22 outworkers.

PETROLEUM ACTS: Visits and inspections 48; Contraventions found; 1; Contraventions remedied 1; Number of licences granted: (a) Petroleum Spirit and products 19; (b) Carbide of Calcium 5. Amount of fees received = £14.5.0d.

Notices of intention to store petrol under Petroleum Spirit (Motor Vehicles) Regulations 1929: 5.

SHOP ACTS: Number of Shops on Register 212 (1940); Visits and inspections 22; Intimation notices served 1; Contraventions found 1; Contraventions remedied 1.

GAME LICENCES: Number of licences granted ::; Amount of fees received: nil.

HAIRDRESSERS AND BARBERS: Number of visits and inspections 19; Number of contraventions found: Nil.

From the foregoing summary it will be seen that despite pressure of emergency duties, a considerable amount of work has been successfully accomplished. This has been achieved only by the loyal co-operation of all concerned, which I take this opportunity of acknowledging.

Yours obediently,

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